

BEFORE THE  
COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE TEST CLAIM ON:

Education Code Section 60800,  
Chapter 975, Statutes of 1995, and the  
California Department of Education  
Memorandum Dated February 16, 1996;

And filed on December 23, 1996;

By San Diego Unified School District,  
Claimant

NO. CSM 96-365-01

*Physical Performance Tests*


ADOPTION OF PARAMETERS AND  
GUIDELINES PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 17557  
AND TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF  
REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 1183.12.

(Adopted on September 24, 1998)

**ADOPTED PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES**

The attached Parameters and Guidelines of the Commission on State Mandates is hereby adopted in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on October 8, 1998.

  
Paula Higashi, Executive Director

## PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Education Code Section 60800  
Chapter 975, Statutes of 1995  
**and the**

California Department of Education Memorandum  
Dated February 16, 1996

### ***Physical Performance Tests***

#### **I. SUMMARY AND SOURCE OF THE MANDATE**

On June 25, 1998, the Commission on State Mandates adopted its Statement of Decision finding that Education Code section 60800, as added by Chapter 975, Statutes of 1995, and the California Department of Education Memorandum, dated February 16, 1996, imposed a reimbursable state mandated program on school districts. (Exhibit A.) The Commission limited its decision to the following reimbursable state mandated activities:

- ✧ Acquiring materials and equipment to administer the State Board of Education's designated physical performance test to students in grades 5, 7, and 9;
- ✧ Training teachers to conduct the designated physical performance test;
- ✧ Processing and analyzing score data by school personnel other than teachers; and
- ✧ Responding to requests by the California Department of Education for testing results pursuant to Education Code section 60800, subdivision (b).

#### **II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS**

Any " school district, " as defined in Government Code section 175 19, except for community colleges, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim reimbursement.

#### **III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT**

Section 17557 of the Government Code states that a test claim must be submitted on or before December 31 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year. The test claim for this mandate was filed on December 23, 1996. Therefore, all costs incurred on or after July 1, 1995, are eligible for reimbursement, pursuant to these Parameters and Guidelines.

Actual costs for one fiscal year should be included in each reimbursement claim. Estimated costs for the subsequent year may be included on the same claim, if applicable. Pursuant to Section 17561 (d)( 1) of the Government Code, all claims for reimbursement of initial years ' costs shall be submitted within 120 days of issuance of the claiming instructions by the State Controller.

If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed \$200, no reimbursement shall be allowed, except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564.

#### **IV. REIMBURSABLE COMPONENTS AND DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

The direct and indirect costs of labor, materials and supplies, contracted services, equipment, travel, and training incurred for compliance with the following mandate components are eligible for reimbursement on an on-going basis:

**1. Acquiring materials, supplies and equipment to administer the State Board of Education's designated physical performance test to students in grades 5, 7 and 9.**

The following activities associated with the acquisition of any materials, supplies, and equipment required by the Prudential Fitnessgram testing program are eligible for reimbursement:

- ✧ contacting the test provider and negotiating the purchase of the materials, preparing contracts or purchase orders for the purchase of materials, administering the purchase of materials ;
- purchasing the materials, supplies, and equipment, including test administration manuals, test materials, testing equipment, test scoring and reporting materials and related software; and
- ✧ conducting an inventory of the purchased materials, and distributing materials.

**2. Training to conduct the designated physical performance test to students in grades 5, 7, and 9.**

The following activities associated with training teachers and other school district personnel to conduct, score, and process the physical performance tests and test results are eligible for reimbursement:

- ✧ reviewing the requirements of the testing program selected by the State Board of Education by administrators, teachers and other school district personnel;
- ✧ preparing policies and procedures;
- ✧ developing and preparing for training sessions;
- ✧ attending training sessions; and
- ✧ providing materials and supplies in training sessions.

*Increased costs for substitute teacher time during the school day or for teacher stipends to attend training sessions outside the regular school day (after school or on Saturday) are eligible for reimbursement. However, the labor time ~~the~~ the teacher spent in attending training sessions during that teacher's normal classroom hours is not reimbursable.*

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<sup>1</sup> Currently the *Prudential Fitnessgram* testing program.

### **3. Conducting the Physical Performance Tests**

The following activity associated with conducting the physical performance tests is eligible for reimbursement:

- conducting the tests.

The Commission on State Mandates determined that the labor time of the teacher spent in conducting the tests during that teacher's normal classroom hours is *not* reimbursable.<sup>2</sup>

### **4. Processing and analyzing score data by school district personnel other than teachers.**

The following activities associated with processing and analyzing test score data are eligible for reimbursement:

- re-recording raw test scores onto "scantron" or other score sheets used to process test scores, processing and analyzing test scores, and preparing and distributing personalized test score results; and
- data processing of test scores by the district, consultants, or other entities.

The Commission on State Mandates determined that labor time of the teacher spent on these activities during that teacher's normal classroom hours is *not* reimbursable.<sup>3</sup>

### **5. Responding to requests by the California Department of Education for testing results pursuant to Education Code section 60800, subdivision (b).**

The following activities associated with responding to a request by the California Department of Education for physical fitness test results are eligible for reimbursement:

- data processing and analysis, preparing reports, and filing reports.

## **V. CLAIM PREPARATION**

Each reimbursement claim for costs incurred to comply with this mandate must be timely filed and set forth a listing of each cost element for which reimbursement is claimed under this mandate. Claimed costs must be identified according to the components of reimbursable activity described in Section IV of this document.

### Supporting Documentation

Claimed costs should be supported by the following information:

#### **A. Direct Costs**

Direct costs are defined as costs that can be traced to specific goods, services, units, programs, activities, or functions.

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<sup>2</sup> In sum, the Commission found that physical performance testing requires teachers to substitute the tests for other activities. The time to administer and score the tests is therefore *absorbed* into the school day with no resultant increased costs to the school district. To be eligible for reimbursement a school district must incur increased costs as a result of administering physical performance tests. However, because testing takes place in an environment that has an identifiable limit on the number of hours in a normal workday, and the normal workday has not been extended, the Commission found that teacher time to administer physical performance tests is not reimbursable. The Claimant disagrees.

<sup>3</sup> See Footnote 2.

## 1. Employee Salaries and Benefits

Identify the employee(s) and/or show the classification of the employee(s) involved. List the reimbursable activities performed by each employee and specify the time devoted to each reimbursable activity by each employee, productive hourly rate and the related fringe benefits. The average number of hours devoted to each reimbursable activity in these Parameters and Guidelines can be claimed if supported by a documented time study.

Reimbursement for personal services includes compensation for salaries, wages, and employee fringe benefits. Employee fringe benefits include regular compensation paid to an employee during periods of authorized absences (e.g. annual leave, sick leave) and employer's contribution for social security, pension plans, insurance, and worker's compensation insurance. Fringe benefits are eligible for reimbursement when distributed equitably to all job activities performed by the employee.

## 2. Materials and Supplies

List cost of materials and supplies which have been consumed or expended specifically for the purpose of this mandate. The cost of materials and supplies, which is not used exclusively for the mandate is limited to the pro rata portion used to comply with this mandate.

## 3. Contracted Services

Provide the name(s) of the contractor(s) who performed the service(s). Describe the activities performed by each named contractor, and give the number of actual hours spent on the activities, if applicable, show the inclusive dates when services were performed, and itemize all costs for those services. For fixed price contracts list only the activities performed, the dates services were performed, and the contract price.

## 4. Equipment

List the purchase price paid for equipment and other capital assets acquired for this mandate. Purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the equipment or other capital asset is used for purposes other than this mandate, only the pro rata purchase price can be claimed.

## 5. Travel

Travel expenses for mileage, transportation, per diem, lodging, parking, and other employee entitlements are reimbursable in accordance with the rules of the local school district. Provide the name(s) of the person(s) traveling, purpose of the travel, inclusive dates and time of travel, destination(s), and travel expenses.

## 6. Training

The cost of training for activities specified in Section IV can be claimed. Identify the employee(s) by name and job classification. Provide the name of the training session, the dates attended and the location. Reimbursement costs

include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of personnel conducting or attending the training, registration fees, and travel expenses.

**B. Indirect Costs**

1. School districts must use the J-380 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the California Department of Education.
2. County offices of education must use the J- 580 (or subsequent replacement) non-restrictive indirect cost rate provisionally approved by the Sate Department of Education.

**VI. SUPPORTING DATA**

For auditing purposes, all costs claimed must be traceable to source documents and/or worksheets to show evidence of the validity of costs. Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5, these documents must be kept on file by the agency submitting the claim for a period of no less than two years after the later of (1) the end of the calendar year in which the reimbursement claim was filed or (2) if no funds are appropriated for the fiscal year for which the claim is made, the date of the initial payment of the claim. These documents must be made available to the State Controller's Office on request.

**VII. DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATEWIDE COST ESTIMATE**

The State Controller's claiming instructions shall include a request for claimants to send an additional copy of the completed test claim specific form for each of the initial years' reimbursement claims by mail or facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates, 1300 I Street, Suite 950, Sacramento, CA 958 14, Facsimile Number: (916) 445-0278. Although providing this information to the Cornnission on State Mandates is not a condition of reimbursement, claimants are encouraged to provide this information to enable the Commission to develop a statewide cost estimate.

**VIII. OFFSETTING SAVINGS AND OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS**

Any offsetting savings the claimant experiences as a direct result of this mandate must be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate received from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

**IX. REQUIRED CERTIFICATION**

An authorized representative of the claimant will be required to provide a certification of the claim, as specified in the State Controller's claiming instructions, for those costs mandated by the state contained herein.